

Election in
counties upon
question of sub-
scription.

SEC. 21 That in case any county through or near which said road is located desires to subscribe for stock in said company, it shall be the duty of the board of commissioners of such county, upon the petition of not less than twenty-five freeholders and resident tax-payers of the county, to provide for the submission of the question of subscription to the qualified voters of such county, and in case the same is adopted by said voters, then the bonds shall issue, and taxes to pay the same shall be levied as is prescribed by the general laws as contained in chapter forty-nine of The Code of North Carolina.

Issuance of
bonds and levy
of tax.

Election in town-
ships, cities and
towns upon ques-
tion of subscrip-
tion.

SEC. 22. Upon presentation of a petition signed by at least twenty resident tax-payers of any township, city or town through or near which said road shall have been located, in any county along the line thereof, to the board of county commissioners of any county wherein such township, city or town is situated, requesting said commissioners to submit to the vote of the qualified voters of their respective township, city or town, as the case may be, a proposition to subscribe a definite sum named in said petition to the capital stock of the Roanoke and Southern Railroad Company, it shall be the duty of said board of commissioners within sixty days to order an election to be held at the various polling places in the township, city or town so petitioning, and submit to the qualified voters thereof the question of subscribing to the capital stock of said company the amount specified in the petition, at which election those in favor of such subscription shall vote "Subscription," and those opposed shall vote "No subscription." Said election shall be held, registrars and poll-holders and judges appointed, the registration of voters taken, as may be provided by law for general elections of members of the general assembly in townships, and as provided by law for the election of commissioners or aldermen in cities and towns, except that in all said elections the poll-holders shall make returns within three days after the election

Ballots.

Election, how
held, &c.